

FLOOR SCHEDULE FOR THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2013

HOUSE MEETS AT:	FIRST VOTE PREDICTED:	LAST VOTE PREDICTED:
9:00 a.m.: Legislative Business Five "One Minutes" per side	10:30 – 11:00 a.m.	12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

****MEMBERS ARE ADVISED THAT CLOSE VOTES ARE EXPECTED TODAY ON H.R. 2642. ANY EXPECTED ABSENCES SHOULD BE REPORTED TO THE WHIP’S OFFICE AT X5-3130.**

H.Res. 295 – Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2642 – Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act of 2013 (Rep. Lucas – Agriculture) (One Hour of Debate). The Rules committee has recommended a closed Rule that provides for one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking member of the Committee on Agriculture. The Rule allows one motion to recommit, with or without instructions and it also waives all points of order against the legislation. The Rules Committee rejected a motion by Ms. Slaughter to consider H.R. 2642 under an open Rule. Despite repeated promises from the GOP Majority of openness and providing Members with at least 3 days in which to read any bill, H.R. 2642 is being considered less than 24 hours after it was posted and made available to Members. **Members are urged to VOTE NO.**

H.R. 2642 – Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act of 2013 (Rep. Lucas – Agriculture) (One Hour of Debate). This bill is nearly identical to H.R. 1947, the amended, committee-approved Farm Bill that failed to pass the House in June. The bill contains two significant changes: it omits the Nutrition title, thus excluding funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). It also adds a new provision, which repeals "permanent law" by striking the language from H.R. 1947 that made the new farm program provisions in Title 1 effective only for 2014-2018, effectively making 2013 Farm Bill commodity provisions that include the repeal of direct and countercyclical payments and other producer agreements as well as new dairy programs and reference prices that expand the farm safety net the new "permanent law."

The measure extends most major federal farm, rural development and agricultural trade programs through FY 2018 — but repeals or modifies certain major programs, including dairy programs, and direct payments to farmers.

It repeals direct and countercyclical payments to agriculture commodity producers and replaces them with new risk-management programs to protect farmers when they suffer losses. It also repeals several major dairy programs and replaces them with a new taxpayer program to support dairy producers, it expands crop insurance coverage, and it consolidates major conservation programs.

Bill Text for H.R. 2642:

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The Daily Quote

"We're also a nation of laws. And we must enforce our laws. America can be a lawful society and a welcoming society at the same time.... We can uphold our tradition of assimilating immigrants, and honoring our heritage of our nation built on the rule of law. But we have a problem. The laws governing the immigration system aren't working; the system is broken."

- Former President George W. Bush, Washington Post, 7/10/13